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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- June 26** – Visit to Texas Lions Camp, Kerrville
July 1 – Kathleen Brown – A singing Patriotic program
July 8 – Dr. Mike Middleton – Scott & White
July 15 – Charlie Kimmey – Ralph Wilson Youth Club

LIONS CALENDAR

- July 1** – Regular Noon Mtg, Gober
July 6 – Executive committee meeting, noon, Nifty's
July 8 – Regular noon meeting, Gober
July 15 – Regular noon meeting, Gober
July 20 – Board meeting, noon, Cotton Patch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let me be the first to wish all Lions and especially our incoming President, Lion Ray Harper, a happy new Lion year. Also, congratulations to **Lion's Immediate Past President J. Brown** on a job well done in a year filled with challenges.

The annual Installation and Awards Banquet at the Sammons Community Center was very nice. **Lion O.L. Petty** did a marvelous job as an emcee and the lovely **Ann Petty** did a great job of not rolling her eyes too much when he cracked his jokes. Speaking of funny, **Lion Charlie Pierce and his bride, Pamela**, provided fun-filled, wonderful entertainment at just about everyone's expense, as it should be. **Lion President Ray Harper's** focus will be on membership and he promised to "be the last person to let us down." Let's do our best to support him.

Our Lions Camp visit will be **on June 26** to cook hamburgers for the campers and to attend the awards banquet.

I have enjoyed writing the newsletter almost every week this last year and I am almost as happy that my duty is relieved. When you shed tears for this, I hope they are ones of joy.

GUESTS

The lovely **Patrice Hunter** was the guest of Lion Jim Hunter. Lion Eldon Wulbrecht introduced his grandson and guest, **Heath Hutka**. Good-looking kid.

BIRTHDAYS

There are no birthdays this week!

UPCOMING MEALS

- July 1** – **Kolache Kitchen** – Barbecue sausage, baked beans, potato salad, bread, tea
July 8 – **Susan's** - TBD
July 15 – **Kolache Kitchen** – lasagna, tossed salad, garlic toast, tea
July 22 – **Susan's** - TBD
July 29 – **Kolache Kitchen** - Chicken marsala, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, tea.

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

Lion Neil Graeff introduced Mr. Jerry Grote, businessman and former major league catcher. Jerry, a two time major league all-star, played for the '69 "Miracle Mets." He also played for the Houston Colt 45's and the Los Angeles Dodgers, winning two more World Series pennants in '77 and '78, and the Kansas City Royals. In total he played 17 years, 15 of which in the major league. Johnny Bench once said that Jerry was so good that "If Grote and I were on the same team, I would be playing first base." Jerry caught pitchers like Tom Seaver, Nolan Ryan, Tommy John, Jerry Koosman, and Tug McGraw and was known for his rifle arm and for his fiery competitiveness. He caught a no-hitter for Ken Johnson. Yogi Berra was the batting coach and Jerry shared some Yogiisms: "Thank you for making this necessary" and for directions to his house, "when you get to a fork in the road, take it." When his wife told Yogi that she was going to see *Dr. Zhivago* he asked, "What the hell is wrong with you now?" Funny stuff. Jerry said what was so amazing about that '69 met team is that they were so young and that only about 3 players were over the age of 27. The most exciting things that happened that year actually occurred off the field. The whole team, on a road game trip, sat in a bar in silence and watched man take his first step on the moon. New Yorkers were actually stopping to talk to each other on the street about the team. The players even made an album that sold over a half-million copies and performed on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. His greatest game was with Kansas City at the tender age of 39 when he went 3-4 with a double, a grand slam, 7 RBI, and stole a base (a 39 yr old catcher stole a base!). He paid compliments to our club on our achievements and remarked how they exemplified the value of teamwork. Great Program Lion Jim!

